



White Cliffs

Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! Whoever would have guessed that when we celebrated New Year's Day only a week ago that we would find ourselves in total lockdown?!

It's been an absolute whirlwind of a week as staff have been preparing to move to Remote Education for at least the next 5 weeks and possibly beyond.

The Governments expectations are very clear. The expectation is that ALL children access learning and education from home every day, with the exception of those children who fulfil the criteria for coming into school.

We have tried to make everything as simple and as safe as possible. Here are some pointers to help you.

- Everything you and your child/ren needs is on Seesaw and the school website (Remote Education)
- The weekly timetable and learning overviews will be uploaded to Seesaw and the website
- Teachers will upload 3 pre-recorded lessons each day onto Seesaw
- Each lesson will be followed by an activity that your child/ren should complete on their own
- Workbooks, pens, pencils, and resources should have been collected from the school
- Contact Mrs. Smith in the school office if you need additional resources
- The Government say that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should work for 3 hours each day
- The Government say that children in Years 3,4,5 & 6 should work for 4 hours each day
- Teachers have set more than enough work to cover this time
- The 3 or 4 hours should also include reading, spelling, phonics, handwriting, times tables and number facts

Children should be up, dressed and ready to begin lessons at 9:00 every weekday morning.

From Monday 18 January, some small group and individual learning will be done lives through a platform called 'Teams.'

The teacher, Study Support Manager or Teaching Assistant will send an invitation with a link for your child to join live. Please ensure that everyone in your household follows the Code of Conduct for behaviour when children are working live.

Where a child needs additional support for a specific learning intervention such as 'Clever Hands' or a Speech and Language Programme, you will be contacted by the member of staff delivering this.

If you need to contact us:

- For all general enquiries regarding things such as collection of resources, Free School Meals, Key/Critical worker bookings, please contact Mrs Smith in the school office or email admin@wcliffs.dfamat.com
- If you have a safeguarding or welfare concern, please contact Mrs. Kemp or use the email safeguarding@wcliffs.dfamat.com
- If you need to contact your child's class teacher about education and learning, please use the Seesaw app or, if urgent, phone Mrs Smith in the school office

Please note that teachers will answer parental enquiries between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily and between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 midday on Fridays.

I know that you have received a lot of information from the school in recent weeks. Please do bear with us as we try to get it right for your children. We are all of us in the same boat and trying to get through this together.

Please let us know if you have any worries or concerns whatsoever and we will do everything in our power to help you resolve it.

We live in a culture where we are encouraged to moan and complain. Staff have worked so hard this week to try and get it right for the children. It's not just children that survive on positive praise. Adults like to hear it too!

I have seen some of the lessons that the staff have recorded, and they are fantastic!

I cannot wait to hear what Year 6 think of Miss Lavender and Mr Danton's lesson on "How to make blood in your kitchen at home."

I sincerely hope that you all stay safe and well. We cannot wait to see the work that your children have been doing and seeing photos and messages from you all. We miss the children so much! As I said to my daughter the other day, "a school without children is like toast without butter."

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs S Knight Fotheringham

Headteacher